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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	Laura K. Roth	2852	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 June 2006.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 5, 6, and 10-13 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) 5,6,10,11 and 13 is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 12 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1.) Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2.) Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3.) Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ . |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ . |

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Dempsey (US Pub. 2004/0108309).

Regarding claim 12, Dempsey (US Pub. 2004/0108309) teach a fixing device for fixing a toner on a sheet (fig. 1), comprising: at least one electricity storage device (fig. 1, #PS3); a heat generation part generating heat by using electric power supplied from the at least one electricity storage device (fig. 1, #L2); a fixing member heating the toner on the sheet to fix the toner on the sheet (fig. 1, #34), said fixing member heated by the heat generation part (fig. 1, #34 heated by #L2 and #L1); and a power control part (fig. 1, #160) configured to control the supply of electric power from at least one of an external power source (fig. 1, #PS1, #PS2) and the at least one electricity storage device (Fig. 1, #PS3) to the heat generation part (fig. 1, #L2 and #L1); wherein the heat generation part comprises a plurality of heaters (fig. 1, #L2 and #L1), and at least one of the plurality of heaters is connected to the at least one electricity storage device and the external power source to receive electric power from the at least one electricity storage device

and the external power source (fig.1, #L2 is connected to #PS2 and #PS3 and receives power from both; para.0032).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 5, 6, 10, 11, and 13 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

- Prior art does not disclose or suggest the claimed "wherein the power control part, when a temperature of the fixing member drops..., supplies electric power from not the external power source but the electricity storage device" in combination with the remaining claim elements as set forth in claims 5, 6, 10, and 13.
- Prior art does not disclose or suggest the claimed "second mode in which electric power is supplied from both of the electricity storage device and the external power source" in combination with the remaining claim elements as set forth in claim 11.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

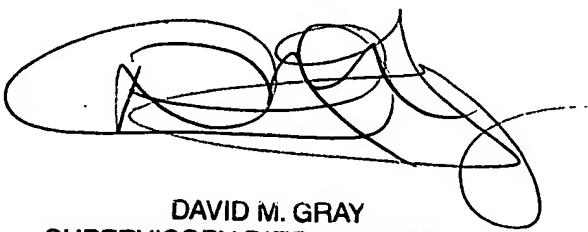
Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Laura K. Roth whose telephone number is (571)272-2154. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 7:30 am to 3:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David M. Gray can be reached on (571)272-2119. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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